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Rokie conducting

1. Election Procedure
4. 8th May elections at Aurat 5-6.30 Please inform as many as you. Mrs Talib could not come (it was her chehlum yesterday) Said she would come at another meeting

Election Comm.
Tauseef
Neelam
Meena.

Int. Conf. on Human Rights in Bangkok in march. Report by Bunny + Mira.

Bunny feels that both WAF's position on women's human rights + the Akhtar Hameed Khan case has been taken over by another organisation in Lahore.

National position for WAF was worked on to be presented in Bangkok, nationally + locally + to the Govt.

On March 8th the pamphlet was released in K'chi, Isl + Lahore.

WAF's position turned out to be one of the most radical + clearer in the region.

3 meetings:- NGO meeting
" " with Govts.
Govt "

WAF only org that came with a position. V. influential - women workshop took almost every point from the WAF position then submitted to the main NGO forum and was accepted + incorporated into main draft. Unan. endorsed by plenary.

Only 10 orgs in the region recognised by UN in the region - WAF was one. Given time to speak

Breastmilk *alone* is the best possible food for the first four to six months of a child's life.

Asma from UNIFEM, Asma from Human Rts ec
Farah (Shirkatgah) was requested to reproduce the
WAF portion as Bunny + Afia so it has been
presented under the name of Shirkatgah

Statement by Women Living Under ~~Islamic~~ Muslim
Law almost identical with no acknowledgement
to WAF

Similar situation with regard to the Akhtar
Hameed Khan case - Tried to have WAF portion
endorsed by other orgs it is NOT mentioned as
an endorsing org - or that it was an issue taken
up by WAF FRONTIER POST 15th April.

Faxed to Shirkatgah as Bunny could not get through
to her own Fax or had the nos of any other org.

Asma + Nasreen: Need to clarify how exactly this has happened -
Rehana repeated the same.

Rubina an apology is NOT sufficient There should be a public
retraction.

Reiterated by Mubarika.

Snoopie feels WAF should be represented in Vienna
+ Nobody else (as another NGO) should speak for it.

Neelam feels that we should NOT
Don't want a split between womens orgs. Politically damaging
It should be clarified at the level of UN as well.

Agreed. a FAX should be sent that it is a WAF
position endorsed by various NGOs

Pixie feels that if someone is rep. another org. along
with WAF what has happened is that WAF has been
underplayed.

Bunny - need to examine ourselves This was supposed
to have been the WAF program for this year.
We must take a stand even if it means differences.

A few people should go to clarify this

Kokie - recap. what WAF requires
The int. campaign was WAFs (12 ~~out~~ countries out of the 15 listed their endorsement was got by WAF)
Some working comm. people should prepare the statement & take it to Shirkatgah so that it can appear in the Press.

Akhtar Hameed Khan case. clarification & it should go minced. to Geneva:

Need to FAX WAF document along with clarification to UN & Women Living Under Muslim Laws in Geneva with a covering letter saying to the latter that since this is the WAF position does WLUML endorse it?
* This should go immediately.
Should also be sent to ESCAP in Bangkok.
Comm - those who worked on the draft.
Ruby, Afia, Bunny, Koki, Pixie, Neelam & a member of the GB (Rehana Taufiq)
Rani is NOT in town but Faeeda may be.

Bunny WAF must take a firm stand so that it does not always happen in future - draft a resolution (NEXT PAGE)

[30th April Meeshaia to raise funds for Habib Jalib's family. Tickets will be on sale. To complete his house & remainder for Habib Jalib Foundation.]

Also

WAF takes serious note of the appropriation of WAF activities, ~~national~~ written positions without due acknowledgement, by NGOs, organisations, political parties and especially individuals who are members of WAF.

As ~~This~~ has happened in the past NP WAF has resolved that in future such action by members of WAF will render them liable to expulsion

This resolution was passed by the GB on 17/4/93